

TRIBUTE TO BERNARD A. BARTON, JR.

Mrs. KLOBUCHAR. Mr. President, I rise today to congratulate Bernard A. "Bud" Barton, Jr. on his retirement from the Library of Congress and to thank him for nearly three decades of dedicated public service.

Since 2015, Bud has served as chief information officer for the Library of Congress. As the senior information technology official for the Library, Bud established and enforced standards for IT resources and oversaw IT design, development, and service operations to ensure that the needs of the Library and those it serves were met. Bud oversaw the development of a Library-wide digital strategy, worked to improve IT security at the Library, and led efforts to optimize and modernize the Library's IT infrastructure. Under his leadership, the Library successfully addressed more than 100 technology recommendations identified by Congress and the nonpartisan Government Accountability Office, GAO.

Prior to joining the Library, Bud served as a U.S. Air Force officer, as deputy chief information officer for the North Carolina National Guard, and then as chief information officer for the Defense Technical Information Center. In these latter roles, Bud managed the design, planning, implementation, and testing of disaster recovery and continuity of operations capabilities for these agencies.

Mr. Barton leaves the Library a stronger institution that is better prepared than ever to serve the needs of Congress, researchers, and all Americans.

Bud, thank you for your public service. We owe you a debt of gratitude and wish you a well-deserved retirement.

TRIBUTE TO KOBYE NOEL

Mr. WARNOCK. Mr. President, today I have the distinct privilege and honor to recognize Kobye Noel for over two decades of faithful and unwavering service to the U.S. Senate.

Kobye, a native of the Old Line State, has held the line during 23 years of service to the Senate, always striving for equity, transparency, and diligence in all she does. From her time on the Democratic Policy Committee supporting the work of Leader Harry Reid that would lead to our country's most recent budget surplus, to her work as a staffer on the Senate Budget Committee supporting the committee's work to pass the Affordable Health Care Act, ushering in a new era of healthcare in our country, Kobye has never wavered in her commitment to this body or to helping the American people.

When not working on committee, Kobye has served a host of Senators including Senator Doug Jones of Alabama, Senator Heidi Heitkamp of North Dakota, and Senator OSOFF of Georgia. I am especially grateful

Kobye and her wealth of experience has been able to serve on my staff as mail manager for the past 10 months. In her time overseeing our office's correspondence, we have sent over 200,000 correspondence messages to Georgians, updating them on the issues and legislation critically important to their lives.

It is written that the harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. I congratulate Kobye on retirement with such distinguished service and wish her a bountiful harvest for all of her labor on behalf of the U.S. Senate and the people of Georgia.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

REMEMBERING ALAN KALTER

• Mr. BLUMENTHAL. Mr. President, I rise today with a heavy heart to pay tribute to Alan Kalter, a warm, generous man and friend to many. Alan passed away on October 4, 2021, at the age of 78.

Alan was born in 1943 in Brooklyn, NY. He graduated from what was then Hobart College in 1964, after which he attended the New York University School of Law. His radio work began while he was still an undergraduate, when he served as an announcer for WGVA in Geneva, NY.

While working as a high school English teacher, Alan furthered his passion for the radio through weekend gigs. Three years later, he was hired at WHN Radio in New York, where he was a newsman for 4 years. Following this, Alan transitioned into commercials and then game shows. His work as an announcer earned him acclaim, and his voice was recognizable to people across the country.

In 1995, Alan joined the Late Show with David Letterman, following the retirement of Bill Wendell. A dynamic addition who was known for his open-minded willingness to try any stunt or suggestion, Alan quickly became beloved by staff and audience members alike. He was known for his calming, affable presence and the enthusiasm with which he approached every task before him.

When not on air, Alan lived quietly in Stamford, CT, where he resided for over four decades. I had the distinct privilege of having Alan as a friend, and I can attest firsthand to his caring and compassion.

Alan's great humor and thoughtful spirit touched countless lives. He brightened the days of both friends and strangers without a second thought. Alan was also guided by his deeply rooted values and dedicated himself to giving back to his community.

My wife, Cynthia, and I extend our deepest sympathies to Alan's family during this difficult time, especially his wife, Peggy, his two daughters, and his five grandchildren. May their many wonderful memories of Alan provide them solace and comfort in the days ahead.●

REMEMBERING MARISSA MCCALL

• Mr. OSSOFF. Mr. President, Marissa McCall's positive impact on Georgians' lives will be felt for generations.

Marissa was a tireless and effective advocate for those who otherwise had none. She poured her heart and her work into the defense of those who faced brutality at the hands of the justice system; into advocacy for those who lacked the resources and connections to defend themselves; and into urgent reform of a justice system in which class and race bias are endemic and the rights and dignity of individuals are daily violated. Marissa made a huge difference for so many.

Born in Santa Ana, CA, Marissa earned her degree in political science from Georgia's Spelman College and her law degree from Louisiana State University in 2008.

Marissa developed a first-of-its-kind program at the Georgia Justice Project to help address the systemic barriers facing formerly incarcerated people.

She joined the Southern Center for Human Rights in 2016, cementing her role as one of Georgia's foremost champions for civil and human rights.

Marissa's keen legal mind and deep empathy powered her work for reform. She fought persistently and effectively to end the broken cash bail system at Atlanta's Municipal Court, to reform the criminal record system, and to ban the shackling of incarcerated women during pregnancy.

In 2020 and 2021, after the murder of Ahmaud Arbery, Marissa was instrumental in the repeal of Georgia's citizen's arrest law. As a result, Georgia the first State in the Nation to pass such a reform.

Marissa is remembered by her family as a loving mother, a devoted sister, a cherished daughter, and a loyal friend.

Georgia and the United States are fairer and more just for Marissa's service.

I thank my colleagues in the U.S. Senate for joining me in honoring the work and life of Marissa McCall.●

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2021, the Secretary of the Senate, on October 12, 2021, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the House had agreed to the amendment of the Senate to the amendment of the House to the bill (S. 1301) to provide for the publication by the Secretary of Health and Human Services of physical activity recommendations for Americans.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

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